

# FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING

## NOVEMBER 2, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Brooks Sturtevant and Sandi Murphy, Minute taker.

**Guests:** Howard Vansette (road foreman), Diane Stowe, Ron Jackson (via phone conference) and Holly M.

At 7:02 Peter M called the meeting to order and all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Amendments:** Add under Town Clerk concerns " Radar Sign Access Permit and letter".

**Public Comment Period** - None

**Approve Minutes** of October 19, 2016

Brooks S/ Yvon D made a motion to accept the minutes of 10/19/2016 with the following changes: line 69 the engine model number is wrong - cross model number out; line 37 should change the word not to no; line 38 the word *for* should be *to*. Vote taken with all in favor and motion carried.

#### **Highway Department**

Howard V and crew have been working on the trucks; painting now and then will do the undercoat. The wing is on the big truck. They purchased a sprayer for \$300. So they can spray undercoat on the trucks every year. Howard said they had to cut some trees after the heavy snow. They have plowed once already. Peter M mentioned the SB will be scheduling employee reviews. Andy G asked if they did any grading on Middle Road. Howard said that was planned to be done after the next rain. Peter M mentioned there are Town Road Foreman meetings being held County wide and he encouraged Howard V to attend when possible. Also, budgeting will be starting soon for FY18. Howard V said the salt shed is half full now and they will need one more load. The sand shed is full- approximately 120 loads went in and the sand shed ends are holding up well.

#### **Sale of portion of Town Beach** - Camp owners discussion

A phone conference call with Ron Jackson ensued. Peter M said the SB can negotiate a Purchase Price and enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement which needs to be posted and warned for a vote at Town Meeting or a Special Meeting. Peter M said that Ted Meunier, the party that gave the land to the town, was disappointed to hear it might be sold. Ron Jackson wants a Professional opinion on the value before he ventures an offer. Ron will talk with a Lister (Bob Irish) to get help with the value. Diane Stowe is not sure on the value. Ron and the Stowe's will do some homework and have a discussion and be in touch again. The SB will check on what the process for subdivision is and the costs associated with it and the cost of preparing the deed. Ron J will communicate via e- mail. Yvon D mentioned we can discuss this further at the next SB meeting. Diane S said they just want to take care of the land so it can be used and enjoyed.

**Recreation Department:** Bylaw Adoption of the 10-26-2016 updated version. The SB reviewed the Bylaws.

Brooks S/ Andy G made a motion to adopt the Bylaws with the following changes:

a) Article 3 section 1 - Membership on the Committee shall consist of 5 members, all of which must reside in the Town of Franklin.

b) Article 3 section 12 - Advisory Board members shall be appointed by the Rec. Committee for a term not to exceed one year.

c) Article 4 section 2 - take out "a minimum of 51%" (the second sentence).

Vote taken, All in favor, Motion carried. Lisa (TC) will incorporate these changes in the Bylaws.

#### **Town Clerk concerns:**

The Rec. Committee has a "waiver" form for the SB to review. Peter M read the waiver aloud and asked if the SB members were OK with it or should they have their Attorney review it. The SB members were OK with it.

Radar Sign Access Permit and Letter Review - the former Permit form was not the current one needed. So Lisa drafted a new letter and filled out the correct form for review and signature.

Brooks S / Yvon D made the motion to sign the letter and Permit. Vote taken, All in favor, Motion carried. Peter M signed both.

#### **Old Business:**

Replace weed harvester engine - grant review

This purchase can be included in the current grant if done by December 31, 2016. Yvon D checked with Franklin Rental and they recommend a Subaru motor or a Kohler motor. We have

a 25h.p. engine and the board would like to upgrade to a substantially larger engine. The Subaru is \$2600.73 and the Kohler is \$2898.29 ready to install. This does NOT include the installation costs. The SB had warranty questions and would Franklin Rental be interested in buying the old engine? Yvon D will check on this and update at the next meeting. The harvester has been put away for the winter and it has been cleaned.

**Sale of portion of town beach:**

The SB will look into the subdivision and legal costs and timeline to get ready to discuss further at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Budget notes for the next meeting - Peter M asked if there are any more budget items, i.e. paving, floors at town hall and electrical work that need to be added. All SB members will think about this for the Budget meetings.

**Review Bills** - Done

**SELECTBOARD Folder** - Done

**Member Concerns:**

Andy G - asked if the SB should do a survey of town residents and camp owners about whether or not they want weed harvesting done. Peter M said it is something to think about.

Andy G also mentioned that the tree in the park that needs to be cut down may need a professional as there are safety concerns with dropping the tree. Peter M asked Andy G to get a quote or two from tree removal service folks.

Yvon D and Peter M will be meeting with VTRANS on 11-04-2016 at 11:30a.m. on the Park and Ride issue.

Brook S/ Yvon D made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS NOVEMBER 16TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandi Murphy, minutes taker

November 3, 2016

**These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular board meeting**

These minutes were approved at the November 16, 2016 board meeting.